Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level is being implemented since 1988. The revised Scheme is in operation since 1992-93. Under the above scheme so far 6519 schools spread all over the country have been approved for implementation of the programme in the schools. More than 150 vocational courses in the six major disciplines of Engineering & Technology, Business & Commerce, Health & Paramedical, Home Sciences, Agriculture & Humanities are offered in these schools. The Scheme provides for survey, equipment, workshed, instructional material, training etc. Central scheme of the vocational courses is being run in different states on this pattern.

UGC Grants to Assam University

1496. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as reported in the Asian Age dated 15th June, 2000 the University Grants Commission has stopped grants to Assam University;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to restore the grants so that the University does not become totally disfunctional due to financial constraints?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recognition of institutions for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management

1497. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the requirements for recognition of institutions for imparting post graduate diplomas in Business Management;